REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of June 20th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On June 22, 2005, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) and the Atlanta Police Department, arrested fugitive David Goodrum at a home in Decatur, Georgia. Goodrum was wanted by the Atlanta Police Department for rape, kidnapping, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, and carjacking. It is alleged that on June 21, 2005, Goodrum forced his next door neighbor inside of his apartment where he tied her up, gagged her, and rolled her inside a blanket before leaving the unit. Several hours later, he returned and raped the victim at knifepoint. As he was raping her, he stabbed her several times in the neck and afterwards placed a plastic bag over her head and threatened to kill her. As she continued to attempt to scream for help, Goodrum used the knife to cut off the victim's thumb. He then kicked her in the head until she lost consciousness at which point he again left the apartment. A short while later, after regaining consciousness, the victim managed to break free and escape. As she was fleeing out the front door, Goodrum saw her running but was unable to give chase. He instead carjacked the apartment manager who had just arrived on the property and fled in her vehicle. With assistance from the TOG, SERFTF investigators were able to determine a possible location for Goodrum at the Decatur residence. As agents surrounded the home, they could see the fugitive peeking out the window at them. They ordered him to the door and arrested him at the scene without incident. After obtaining a search warrant for the home, investigators were able to find the clothing that Goodrum had worn during the rape a day earlier. Goodrum's criminal history includes nine prior arrests for offenses such as assault, battery, burglary, and narcotics.



David Goodrum

Wanted for Rape, Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, and Carjacking

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On June 24, 2005, members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested Albert Haulcy in Chicago, Illinois. Haulcy, is alleged to have sexually assaulted an 8-year-old female at his residence in May of 2005. Haulcy claimed that his assault on the victim was in an effort to determine if victim had been sexually active. Task Force investigation revealed an address in Chicago for Haulcy and investigators proceeded to the location and arrested the subject without incident.



Wanted for Sexual

Assault of a Child

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

It is alleged that on May 25, 2005, in the early morning hours, Lewis Waters entered a residence in N.W. Washington, D.C., in a robbery attempt, and shot a victim one time in the face, right hand, and right arm. The victim was transported to George Washington Hospital Center in critical condition. On May 25, 2005, a warrant was issued out of D.C. Superior Court, charging Waters with assault with intent to kill while armed. On that same date, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. On June 21, 2005, after a four-week manhunt, members of the CARFTF and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operation Group (TOG) arrested Lewis Waters at a residence in S.E., Washington, D.C. Waters is currently being held, without bond, at D.C. jail.



Lewis Waters

Wanted for Assault with Intent to Kill While Armed

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

The Suffolk County Police Department's Second Squad requested the assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force in locating and apprehending Julian Starks, who was wanted for a robbery that occurred on April 27, 2005. It is alleged that at approximately 11:30 p.m., Starks along with another defendant, approached the victim, a Chinese food delivery man, as he was exiting a supermarket in Huntington, New York and demanded the victim's wallet. After handing over his wallet, the victim was stabbed numerous times. The defendants fled immediately after the attack and the victim was transported to a local hospital. Task Force members conducted database checks and interviews in an attempt to locate Starks. A lead was generated and surveillance was set up at a residence in Brooklyn, New York. On June 23, 2005, Starks was observed in the front window of the residence and was subsequently arrested without incident, and turned over to the Suffolk County Police Departments' Second Squad for processing. Starks has been charged with robbery 1st degree, assault, and as a fugitive from justice for an outstanding warrant from North Carolina.



Junan Starks

Wanted for Robbery and Assault

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

federal agents from law enforcement agencies in the Los Angeles metropolitan area joined forces to launch simultaneous pre-dawn raids at 43 locations in Los Angeles, Valencia, Simi Valley, Palmdale, Rosamond, and Bakersfield, California. The multi-agency operation, entitled "Operation Silent Night" targeted 43 individuals who had been indicted by a federal grand jury in a 56-count indictment which included two counts of Racketeering in Corrupt Organizations (RICO), six counts of violent crimes in aid of racketeering, and the murder of a police officer in relation to a drug trafficking crime. A total of seven of the defendants are linked to four murders and are eligible for the federal death penalty. Other counts allege a variety of narcotics, weapons, and money laundering charges and allege involvement in criminal activity in several states. The case, which targeted an extremely violent Los Angeles area street gang known as the "Vineland Boyz," was initiated in January 2004 by the Burbank and Los Angeles Police Departments, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and a HIDTA Task Force, following the murder of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka. One of the "Vineland Boyz," David Garcia, is alleged to have murdered Officer Pavelka and attempted to murder Burbank Officer Gregory Campbell during a gun battle in Burbank in November 2003. Garcia was tracked down and arrested in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico on Thanksgiving Day, 2003 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and agents from the Agencia Federal de Investigacions (AFI) and was subsequently deported to the United States to stand trial. Another "Vineland Boyz" gang member is believed to be responsible for the shooting death of Los Angeles Police Officer James Beyea in 1988; that suspect was shot and killed by police within hours of the shooting of Officer Beyea. As a part of the execution of "Operation Silent Night," the USMS, Central District of California and the PSWRFTF agreed to assume tactical responsibility for executing the raid of a sprawling ranch located in rural Rosamond, California and also assumed apprehension responsibility for any and all fugitives who were not immediately arrested during the execution of the 43 search warrants. Shortly after 4:00 a.m. on the morning of June 21, pre-designated "Mobile Apprehension Teams" of PSWRFTF investigators, deputy marshals, and Task Force officers from various PSWRFTF agencies began deploying to various locations to begin tracking down several of the individuals named in the indictment whose whereabouts were unknown. Within 24 hours, PSWRFTF investigators, working closely with the USMS Technical Operations Group (TOG) and the USMS Financial Surveillance Unit (FSU), located and arrested seven of the defendants who had fled or whose whereabouts were otherwise unknown during the execution of the operation. Ruben Avala, Luis Jaime Garcia, Jaime Bautista and Ruben Mares Medina are four of the individuals arrested by the PSWRFTF "Mobile Apprehension Teams."

At 3:30 a.m. on June 21, 2005, more than 1,300 police officers and

"Vineland Boyz" street gang members



Ruben Medina



Ruben Ayala



Jaime Bautista



Luis Jaime Garcia

Wanted for Racketeering in Corrupt Organizations and other charges